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# A DISTINCTION between the New Covenant and the Old

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And how that in the *Old Covenant*

*The* Jews *Prieſts Lips were to Preſerve the* Jews *Peoples Knowledge:*

But in the *New* and *Everlaſting Covenant* CHRIST the High-Prieſt, is the Treaſure of *Wiſdom* and *Knowledge*, and he filleth the Earth with the Knowledge of the Lord God; and the Earth being Full of the Knowledge of the Lord God, then there is no want of it in the Earth. And Chriſt the High-Prieſt, he doth not only fill the Earth with the Knowledge of the Lord God, but *Covereth the Earth with the Knowledge of the Lord, as the Waters do the Sea*; ſo the Earth ſhall not be ſeen. So then it may be ſeen, that the *Subſtance* in the New Covenant is far beyond the *Figure* in the Old Covenant.

*Read, Hear, See, Perceive* and *Underſtand, Receive* and *Poſſeſs.*

IT is written in the Prophecies of *Iſaiah* (the 11th Chapter) where ſpeaking of the peaceable Kingdom of Chriſt, that was to come, he ſaith, *They ſhall not hurt, nor deſtroy in all my holy Mountain; for the Earth ſhall be full of the Knowledge of the Lord, as the Waters cover the Sea.* So this was a Prophecy of that Day to come; it was not in the Dayes of *Iſaiah.*

But Mark, *In THAT Day* (when the *Earth ſhall be full of the Knowledge of the Lord, as the Waters cover the Sea*) In that Day there ſhall be a *Root of Jeſſe*, which ſhall ſtand for an Enſign of the people, to it (to wit, this Enſign) ſhall the *Gentiles* ſeek, and their *Reſt ſhall be Glorious.* Now many of the *Gentiles* have found this Glorious Reſt, and this Enſign; and to this Enſign do the people gather, and cannot forſake it; and all the Warryers in the World cannot pluck down this Enſign, nor take it from the people with their Carnal Weapons.

Now this is the day of Chriſt in his New Covenant of *Light, Life* and *Grace*, in which the *Earth ſhall be full of the Knowledge of the Lord, as the Waters do cover the Sea* [Mark] *The Earth ſhall be full of the Knowledge of the Lord.* So then the Earth is not Empty, when it is *full of the Knowledge of the Lord.* And *the Knowledge of the Lord ſhall* COVER *the Earth*; it ſhall not only be Full of it, but it ſhall cover the Earth, ſo as the Earth ſhall not be ſeen. *As the Waters do cover the Sea*, that when you are in the Sea, you cannot ſee any Land or Earth; ſo ſhall the Knowledge of the Lord be in the New-Covenant.

For the Lord ſaith, *I will write my Laws in their Hearts, and put them in their Minds, that they ſhall not need to ſay unto one another, know the Lord, for all ſhall know Me from the greateſt unto the leaſt. And they ſhall not need every man to teach his Neighbour, ſaying, know the Lord.*

Now Mark, If there be no need to ſay one unto another, or unto their Neighbour, *know the Lord (for the Earth ſhall be full of the Knowledge of the Lord; and the Knowledge of the Lord ſhall cover the Earth, as the Waters do the Sea*, in the New Covenant of Light, Life and Grace; ſo that the Earth cannot be ſeen) then there is no need of the Prieſts, or Teachers *Lips to preſerve the Peoples Knowledge*; for that was only uſed in the Old Covenant under *Moſes*; and whilſt he was read the people was under the Vail. And therefore Chriſt aboliſhed the firſt Prieſthood with his *Vail*, who had his Tythes for his Work and Service, whoſe *Lips were to preſerve the Peoples Knowledge*; that was the People of the *Jews*, that particular Nation. But Chriſt in the *New Covenant* is the Treaſure of *Wiſdom* and *Knowledge*; ſo that in this Day of Chriſt, the Root of *Jeſſe* ſhall ſtand up as an Enſign for the people; and the *Gentiles* ſhall ſeek to it, to wit, the Nations, which many have found.

And God hath given Chriſt for a *New Covenant* to the *Jews*, not according to the *Old*, and for a Covenant of Light, to enlighten the *Gentiles* alſo, who is God's Salvation to the Ends of the Earth: That ſo in this Day of Chriſt (and Salvation) who is a High-Prieſt, Holy and Harmleſs, and Separate from Sinners, made higher then the Heavens, who is the Treaſure of Wiſdom and Knowledge; he takes away the Vail of *Moſes*, and takes away the Vail and Covering, that hath been ſpread over all Nations. So it is Chriſt that fills the Earth with Knowledge, and that the *Knowledge of the Lord ſhall cover the Earth, as the Waters do the Sea*; ſo that in this Knowledge, to know God and Chriſt Jeſus whom he hath ſent, is Eternal Life.

So this High-Prieſt, *Chriſt Jeſus* his Work is beyond the *Jews* High-Prieſts, whoſe *Lips were to preſerve the* Jewiſh *Nation's Knowledge*; for Chriſt the Treaſure of Wiſdom and Knowledge fills the whole Earth with Knowledge; and *covers the Earth with the Knowledge of God, as the Waters cover the Sea*, in his Day of the New-Covenant. And are not theſe the Days of the New Covenant, and the Goſpel, which is not according to the Old? And then what will all you Prieſts (that are made at Schools and Colledges) and Biſhops do in this Day, with all your fat Biſhopricks and Parſonages, when that people need not be taught by you the Knowledge of the Lord? Nor need the people ſend their Children to Schools and Colledges, to learn there the Arts, and how to teach people the Knowledge of the Lord, when *the Earth ſhall be full of the knowledge of the Lord*, and covered with it, as the Waters do cover the Sea, in the Days of this New Covenant: ſo then there will be no need of your Teachings. And if you come to receive this Day in your Time, then would not you forſake your Fat Benefices and Perſonages, and return unto people their Tythes, and confeſs, that Chriſt, who is the Treaſure of Wiſdom and Knowledge, in the *new covenant* ſaith, *Freely you have received, freely give*; and this Commandment of the Lord of Lords is not to be broken; and ſay, there is no need in the *new covenant* to teach people to *know the Lord*; no, not *from the leaſt to the greateſt* of them. For God hath written his Law in their Hearts and put it in their Minds, in the Days of this *new covenant*; and they are God's people, and he is their God, and they all know him from the greateſt to the leaſt of them: So that this *new covenant* is not according to the *Jews* old covevant, amongſt that particular Nation of the *Jews*, who had a Tribe of *Prieſts* and *Levites*, whoſe *Lips were to preſerve the peoples Knowledge*, for which they had their Tythes. But *Chriſt* is come in his *New Covenant*, and hath taken away the Firſt *Covenant*, and aboliſhed it, and diſſannulled the Commandment that gave him his Tythes; and eſtabliſhes the Second and Everlaſting *Covenant*, where all ſhall be taught of God, and ſaith to them that declared this *New Covenant*, and preached his Goſpel, *freely you have received, freely give*; and they were to go and declare this without Bag or Staff.

So in the *New Covenant* they had no need of Purſe, Silver, Bag or Staff; for they that preached the Goſpel lived of the Goſpel. So the Goſpel of Life and Salvation is Good News and Glad Tidings, being preached *to* and *in every Creature* under Heaven; and the Grace of God which bringeth Salvation, hath appeared unto all men to teach them: And Chriſt doth enlighten every Man that cometh into the World, with the Life in him, the Word, by which all things were made to believe in, and to give them Knowledge. So this High-Prieſt is he, that filleth and *covereth the Earth with the Knowledge of the Lord, as the Waters cover the Sea*, ſo that the Earth ſhall not be ſeen; and ſo he both *gives and preſerves the peoples knowledge.* And in theſe Days of Chriſt, in his New Covenant, God poureth out his Spirit upon all Fleſh, to Inſtruct, Teach and Lead them, by which Spirit *Sons and Daughters may Propheſie, and the Old Men may dream Dreams, and the Young Men and Hand-maids and Servants may ſee Viſions* by the Spirit which God hath poured upon them, & hath given them a Spiritual Knowledge, & which Spirit reveals the Things of God unto them, and leads them into all Truth. For in the old covenant the Lord poured out his Spirit upon the Houſe of *Iſrael*, and gave them of his good Spirit to Inſtruct them, though they rebelled againſt it; but in his New Covenant, which is not according to the Old, he pours out of his Spirit not only upon the *Jews*, but upon all Fleſh of other Nations, as well as the *Jews*, that all Fleſh may ſee the Glory of God, and ſee their Salvation. For the Lord ſaith, in *Iſa.* 49. 26. *All fleſh ſhall know, that I the Lord am thy Saviour and Redeemer, the Mighty One of* Jacob. And again, in *Iſa.* 40. 5. the Lord ſaith, *Every Valley ſhall be exalted, and every Mountain and Hill ſhall be made low, and the crooked ſhall be made ſtreight, and the Rough plain; and the Glory of the Lord ſhall be revealed, all fleſh ſhall ſee it together, for the Mouth of the Lord hath ſpoken it.* And is not this the Goſpel Day of Chriſt in his New Covenant? and muſt it not be fulfilled? but your Mountains and Hills muſt be laid down, and your crooked Wayes and Natures muſt be made ſtreight, ſmooth and plain, before this Glory of the Lord be revealed, and that all Fleſh come to ſee it.

And in *Luke* 3. 6. its ſaid, all Fleſh, where he ſpeaks of the fulfilling of *Iſa.* 40. how *All fleſh ſhall ſee the Salvation of God.* Again, *Iſa.* 66. 18, 26. the Lord ſaith, *All fleſh ſhall come to Worſhip before me: And the Lord ſaith, It ſhall come to paſs, that I will gather all Nations and Tongues, and they ſhall come and ſee my Glory, and I will ſet him for a Sign among them*, ſpeaking of Chriſt. And the Lord ſaith, *his Peoples Wilderneſs ſhall be like* Eden, *and their Deſart as the Garden of the Lord*, Iſa. 51. 3. And are not theſe the Days of the *New Covenant*, and to be fulfilled?

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